

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPORT OF SUGAR IN E.U
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are negotiating with European Union (E.U.) to allow import of at least one lakh tonnes of sugar into its member countries;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which the E.U. has agreed to the suggestions made by Government of India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): The WTO Agreement on Agriculture is presently under negotiations. One of the objectives of India during these negotiations is to seek greater market access for export of Indian agricultural products. As part of the negotiating process India is also making bilateral/pluri-lateral efforts with various countries/groups of countries to attain its objective of greater market access. India is having discussions with different countries including European Union (EU) on various aspects of agricultural trade. India has sought greater market access for its agricultural products in the international market. The negotiations on Agreement on Agriculture are continuing.